

AARON LOOMIS

Aaron Loomis was the third of eight children born to David and Lydia Marsh Loomis. He was born September 5, 1696, in Windsor, Connecticut, and died September 13, 1773, Torrington, Conn.

"Aaron Loomis, b Windsor, Conn., Sept. 5, 1696; m Feb. 5, 1718/9 Deborah Eggleston, d Apr. 15, 1783. He removed to Torrington as early as 1739 and was one of a committee to divide Torrington lands in 1742, and was one of the original settlers of the town. He signed the memorial for the establishment of a church at Torrington, Oct. 1739. May 6, 1744, he was received into the church with his wife Deborah and his children, Aaron, Jr., Mindwell, and Esther. His home in Torrington stood on the present Goshen Road. He died Sept. 13, 1773, Torrington. Fourteen children:

1. Deborah b Apr. 10, 1720; m May 13, 1742, John Barber
2. Grace b Apr. 28, 1721; m Stephen Loomis
3. Aaron b Jan. 30, 1722/3
4. Mindwell b March 16, 1724/5; m July 8, 1747, Isaac Hosford of Litchfield
5. Moses b Sept. 12, 1726
6. Abner b Nov. 26, 1727
7. Esther b June 30, 1729; m (his 2nd wife) Nov. 7, 1748,
8. Ephraim b Apr. 1, 1731 Rev. Nathaniel Roberts
9. Richard b Oct. 17, 1732; d May 15, 1753
10. Eli b Feb. 18, 1733/4
11. Issachar b May 28, 1736
12. Naomi b May 10, 1738; m John Hosford
13. Abiah b Apr. 22, 1740; m Aug. 31, 1763, Benjamin Beach
14. Lemuel b May 8, 1744; d June 6, 1763" (Loomis Gen. p 152)

"House of Aaron Loomis on present Goshen Road was built before 1742. Footnote: Nearly all the first dwellings were built with logs." (History of Torrington p 25)

DESCENDANT

I wonder, as I look upon
My old ancestral tree,
Just who, in ages that are gone,
Passed folly down to me?

What curious fellow of my line
Loved earth and sky and sea
And marigold and columbine,
And left his mark on me?

Oft, when I'm caught in folly's trap -
A sad regretful man,
I wonder just what ancient chap
Such foolishness began?

'Tis well enough to cry: 'Beware!'
And counsel me; 'Be strong!'
But who knows just whose traits I share
Or traits I'll pass along?
- Edgar A. Guest